



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 41ST FIRES BRIGADE
BUILDING 10053 BATTALION AVENUE
FORT HOOD, TX 76544

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Command Policy Letter #6 - Prevention of Sexual Assault

1. REFERENCES.

a. Department of Defense Directive, 6495.02, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Procedures, 23 Jun 06.

b. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, Chap 8, 11 February 2009.

b. III Corps Command Policy Letter

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Family Members and DOD Civilian Employees. This policy applies to military personnel on and off post, during duty and non-duty hours and to work, living, and recreational environments.

3. POLICY. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is a command program designed to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and follow-up. Fort Hood Policy requires every Soldier who is aware of a sexual assault to immediately (within 24 hours) report the incident to the Installation Sexual Assault Hotline, 254-702-4953 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Sexual assault is a criminal offense that degrades mission readiness and devastates the brigade's ability to work effectively as a team. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army Values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The victims of sexual assault have the right to be treated with fairness, respect, dignity, and privacy. Victims have the right to be reasonably protected from the offender, provided victim-witness and advocacy services, be notified of court proceedings, provided a confidential avenue for reporting incidents, and offered medical treatment and counseling. Leaders at every level will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims feel comfortable and confident in utilizing the restricted or unrestricted reporting option. Victim services are available by contacting the Installation Sexual Assault Hotline, 254-702-4953.

4. Commanders and leaders will ensure the Soldiers receive sexual assault prevention and awareness training and Soldiers are aware of sexual assault reporting options: restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reports may be provided to Installation or Unit Victim Advocates, Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Chaplain, and /or health care providers.

5. Unrestricted sexual assault reports will be thoroughly investigated by CID or law enforcement

and offenders will be held accountable. Commanders will treat every reported sexual assault incident seriously. The information and circumstances of the allegations will be disclosed on a need to know basis only.

6. Commanders will appoint on orders two UVAs per battalion level. Commanders will select qualified officers (CW2/1LT or higher), NCOs (SSG or higher) for duties as UVAs. Selection for UVAs will be conducted in accordance with criteria outlined in AR 600-20, Chapter 8, paragraph 8-6. Commanders may appoint more than the prescribed number of UVAs if necessary for very large battalions/units whose geographical dispersion warrants. The UVA will be trained to perform collateral duties in support of victims of sexual assault, particularly in deployed environments. Commanders will ensure that UVAs are engaged in: (1) managing sexual assault incidents and (2) providing prevention training while in serving in garrison.

5. EXPIRATION. This policy remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.

6. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy letter is the 41st Fires Brigade EO Office at (254)287-9576.


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